GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2709
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2016
Fire in Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a)whether incidents of major fires have been reported in Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve recently;
(b)if so, the details thereof along with the extent of forest cover destroyed and losses to wildlife as a result thereof;
(c)whether the Government has ordered any probe / inquiry into the said incidents, if so, the details and present status thereof; and
(d)the corrective steps taken and preventive measures being contemplated to protect the flora and fauna of National Parks / Sanctuaries and tiger reserves from forest fires in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b)No Sir. As per the information received from the State, no major fire incidents have been reported in Corbett tiger Reserve, Uttarakhand. However, there have been 66 incidents of surface fires limited to 286.4 ha. with no major loss of trees/wildlife.
(c)As reported by the State, the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttarakhand has ordered Deputy Conservator of Forests to conduct an inquiry.